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SUBJECT: UAE Creates a National Higher Committee for UAE Seaports and Airport Security

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11. (U) This is an action request, see para. 3.

12. (C) Summary: DHS/ICE Attach and United States Liaison Office Rep(USLO) met with Dan McClennan of Good Harbor Consulting a consultant firm for the UAE on August 26. Good Harbor representative(s) reported that the UAE Higher Committee for Seaports and Airport Security, formed in concept in 2008, has only begun to be active in the past few months. The Higher Committee is the foundation for a new federal department that is supposed to commence operations in late 2010 to oversee, standardize and regulate security at all UAE ports and airports. End Summary.

3.(C) The Higher Committee is chaired by Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mubarek Al Nayhan, Minister for Public Works and the National Transportation Authority; the Vice Chair is Major General Khamees Saif Bin Yousef from the Ministry of Interior. According to McClennan Sheikh Hamdan reports directly to President Khalifa on this matter.

14. (SBU) During the meeting a letter requesting USG assistance to organize a visit of an official delegation to the United States from the UAE September 28-30 was discussed (REFTEL). The delegation would consist of members of the Higher Committee for UAE Civil Seaport and Airports Security and a support team from Good Harbor Consulting.
Action Requests:

-- A. That TSA officials in Washington meet with the delegation on September 29, and provide a tour of the Transportation Security Operations Center.

-- B. That a tour of the Port of Boston and meetings with CBP and Coast Guard in Boston be set up for September 30.

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